



## KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

### APRIL BOARD NOTES

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#### ***COMMENTS FROM JOE BROTHERS, KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION CHAIR***



As part of the update on legislation and budget at the April 13 meeting, the board expressed extreme concern about pending legislation that is critical to school districts' ability to ensure that the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (2009) are implemented. The board sent a letter to all legislators that included the language found below urging the passage of the following bills:

- “HB 301, Graduation Bill – 6,489 Kentucky students dropped out in 2008; we cannot educate them if they are not in school. Supports for academic success of these students would be added to address their learning needs.
- HB 109, Response to Intervention, as amended – This bill, as amended, rolls several critical education initiatives into one piece of legislation and not only addresses the learning needs of students, but is key to significantly increasing Kentucky’s chances of receiving \$175 million of federal funding in Phase 2 of Race to the Top through addressing charter school legislation. Without this \$175 million, it will be extremely difficult to fully accomplish the educational improvements that are required by Senate Bill 1 (2009), i.e., implementation of the new common core standards, a new assessment system and the professional development needed for each of these initiatives.
- HB 290, Budget Bill – The board aggressively advocates for a budget compromise to be reached before adjournment. School

districts are facing deadlines in May to provide school councils with their allocations for next year, to notify teachers of next year's employment and to devise and submit a working budget. The board firmly believes that the funding of our schools with no cuts in SEEK and keeping 177 funded instructional days are key to the forward momentum that we have established in education and to ensuring that the students of our state are able to compete with those in other states and the world."

The state board will continue to advocate for education to be the number one priority for state funding. All of us must jointly emphasize the importance of the General Assembly backing up the requirements of Senate Bill 1 (2009) with the resources to implement them.

Senate Bill 1 provides the legislative framework on which to build the education infrastructure for global competitiveness. The bill, if fully implemented with proper funding, will re-establish Kentucky's educational leadership in this country and will position Kentucky's children to compete in the world economy. It is vital that we stand together on behalf of our students. They deserve the educational experiences that will allow them to leave our high schools "college- and career-ready".

On behalf of the seven board members whose terms are up but do not yet know whether we are to be reappointed, we pledge our continued active involvement and support of those of you on the front lines of education. We have emphasized student success as the only acceptable measure of school success. We have relentlessly prioritized high expectations for all students. We have not spared our personal time or money in order to try to ensure that every child has an excellent educational experience. We have enjoyed this time of service and count it an honor and a privilege to have served the students of Kentucky.

### ***EXTENSION OF TESTING WINDOW APPROVED***

At its April 13 meeting, the Kentucky Board of Education learned that the United States Department of Education recently gave approval to delay the public reporting of *No Child Left Behind* assessment results from August 1 to the week of September 20, waive the 14-day notice by school districts of public school choice options and waive the notice of school choice before the start of the school year. This approval also allows extension of the testing window into May with districts choosing from one of four options as follows: April 19-30, April 26-May 7, May 3-14 or May 10-21. The state board voted to support this approach due to the need to offer more

instructional days prior to testing for those local school districts that missed a significant number of days due to flu and/or inclement weather.

For more information on the testing window extension, contact Ken Draut at (502) 564-2256 or via e-mail at [Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov](mailto:Ken.Draut@education.ky.gov).

### ***BOARD APPROVES BECOMING A STATE PARTNER IN THE PARTNERSHIP FOR 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY SKILLS***

Approval to become a state partner in the Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills was given by the state board at the April meeting. The Partnership is a non-profit advocacy organization focused on infusing 21<sup>st</sup> century skills into classroom practice. This organization believes that “twenty-first century learners need to become critical thinkers, problem solvers, effective communicators and collaborators, creators and innovators. Additionally, they need to learn to be self-directed and motivated individuals, capable of learning on their own once they leave schools.”

Fourteen states now participate in the initiative. Each state defines its own plan with advice, resources and policy support from the Partnership. Now that Kentucky has adopted the new common core standards, the Partnership will assist with incorporating the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills into the standards.

For more information on Kentucky’s participation in the Partnership, contact Ruth Webb at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at [Ruth.Webb@education.ky.gov](mailto:Ruth.Webb@education.ky.gov).

### ***BOARD SUPPORTS P-20 INNOVATION LABS AND PARTNERSHIP FOR NEXT GENERATION LEARNING***

An announcement was made at the April meeting that Kentucky has been selected as one of six states to be a participating member in the Partnership for Next Generation Learning by the Council of Chief State School Officers and the Stupski Foundation. The other states are New York, Ohio, Maine, Wisconsin and West Virginia. The Partnership will assist participating states to propel new innovations in Kentucky education by creating Innovation Labs and joining the Innovation Lab Network.

The University of Kentucky will be designated as the primary innovation lab in cooperation with the ones at Western Kentucky University and the University of Louisville. The goal is to provide “. . . the missing link between cutting-edge innovation that exists at a major research university and the P-12 setting. The new partnerships between the University of Kentucky, P-12 schools and other universities in the state will lead to new professional development opportunities to elevate higher-order thinking in the classroom.” Kentucky schools, businesses, community leaders, higher education, industry and government will come together regularly in innovation summits.

The Kentucky Board of Education approved the Statements of Commitment required for Kentucky to join the Partnership for Next Generation Learning and agreed to support the P20 Innovation Labs.

For more information on this topic, contact Ruth Webb at (502) 564-3141 or via e-mail at [Ruth.Webb@education.ky.gov](mailto:Ruth.Webb@education.ky.gov) .

***704 KAR 3:540, UNIFORM ACADEMIC COURSE CODES (FINAL) RECEIVES APPROVAL***

704 KAR 3:540, Uniform Academic Course Codes received final approval. The use by districts and schools of uniform academic course codes will make it possible to link student, teacher, principal, superintendent and preparation program effectiveness together.

The passage of this regulation will enable the Kentucky Department of Education to meet the Office of Education Accountability's recommendation to provide districts with a thorough course code listing by June 1, 2010, and require the reporting of data utilizing these codes beginning in 2010-11.

For more information on this topic, contact Felicia Smith at (502) 564-9850 or via e-mail at [Felicia.Smith@education.ky.gov](mailto:Felicia.Smith@education.ky.gov) .

***OTHER ITEMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AT THE APRIL 13 MEETING WERE:***

- Minutes from the February 10, 2010, regular meeting and February 10, 2010, joint meeting of the KBE, CPE and EPSB
- Appointments of Denishia Martin and Natalie Bolton to the Textbook Commission
- Request for waiver of 704 KAR 3:345, Evaluation Guidelines, for evaluation pilot districts during 2010-2011
- District facility plans for Green, Hart and Logan Counties
- District facility plan amendments for Clay County and Cloverport Independent
- 2009-2010 Local District Working Budgets
- 2009 Report, 2009 Exceptions, and 2010 Plan for 702 KAR 1:115, Annual In-Service Training of district board members
- 702 KAR 3:246, School council allocation formula; KETS District Administrative System Chart of Accounts (Final)
- Support of Commissioner Terry Holliday's decision in the Corbin Independent/Knox County Nonresident Student Agreement Dispute with an amendment to include siblings of currently enrolled student in the Corbin Independent District
- Removal of Kelly Noble, Breathitt County Board of Education member pursuant to KRS 156.132 (5)

***OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD AT THE APRIL 13 MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:***

- 2010-2012 biennial budget update for the KBE Audit/Budget Committee
- 2010 Elementary and Secondary Legislation

- Expansion of Schools Participating in AdvanceKY
- Update on 704 KAR 3:303, Required Core Academic Standards
- Unified College and Career Readiness Plan
- Senate Bill 1 (2009) Update
- 702 KAR 5:110, Vocational Pupils, reimbursement for
- Hearing Officer's Report
- KDE Employment Report

## ***BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2010 AND 2011***

### **KBE MEETING DATES 2010**

<b><u>2010</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
May 18-19, 2010	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 9-10, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 4-5, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
October 6-7, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 8-9, 2010	Regular meeting	Frankfort

### **KBE MEETING DATES 2011**

<b><u>2011</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>
February 2-3, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
March 2, 2011	Regular meeting	Available hotel, Owensboro
April 13-14, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
May 11-12, 2011	KBE retreat/strategic plan discussion	Frankfort
June 8-9, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 3-4, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
September 14, 2011	Regular meeting	Cumberland Falls State Park, Corbin, KY
October 5-6, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 7-8, 2011	Regular meeting	Frankfort

*The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 13, 2010, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.*

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